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FROM AMB SANCHEZ TO SECY KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: FONMIN BATRES RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY
27 LETTER

THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A MARCH 7 LETTER
FROM FONMIN CESAR A. BATRES WHICH IS A RESPONSE TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 27.

" I ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU GIVE IN YOUR
LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 27 TO CONTINUE OUR EXCHANGE OF POINTS
OF VIEW CONCERNING THE PAST MEETING AT MEXICO, AND THE ROAD IT
HAS OPENED TO PROMOTE A BETTER FUTURE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

PERSONALLY, I CONSIDER THAT OUR MEETING AT MEXICO WAS A REAL
SUCCESS AND THAT WE COULD NOT HOPE FOR BETTER RESULTS THAN
THOSE THAT WERE OBTAINED DURING THAT FIRST STAGE OF THE NEW
DIALOGUE. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK THAT FOR THE FUTURE AND
SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR NEXT MEETING AT ATLANTA, WE SHOULD MAKE
ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CONCRETE RESULTS, AT LEAST
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ON SOME OF THE POINTS OF THE AGENDA THAT WE HAVE AGREED UPON.

I RECOGNIZE THAT THE TIME SET FOR THE MEETING IS BRIEF AND, ABOVE ALL, THE TIME BEFORE THE MEETING TAKES PLACE IS VERY SHORT. I THEREFORE THINK THAT ALL OUR ATTENTION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON ONE OR TWO POINTS ON WHICH WE HAVE PROVEN WE AGREE THE MOST UPON IN ORDER TO REACH POSITIVE CONCLUSIONS. I THINK THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNDER YOUR CHARGE, AS HOST OF THE MEETING, SHOULD PROPOSE THOSE POINTS OF THE AGENDA WHICH WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO DISCUSS THOROUGHLY, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, OF COURSE, TO THE GENERAL EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS, WHICH I RECOGNIZE IS VERY FRUITFUL.

I BASE ALL THE AFOREMENTIONED POINTS ON THE CONSIDERATION THAT THERE EXISTS IN LATIN AMERICA A GENERALIZED FEELING OF SKEPTICISM, THAT ORIGINATED IN PAST DISAPPOINTMENTS, WHICH MAKES IT NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE SHORT-TERM, PRACTICAL RESULTS THAT WOULD PROVE WE ARE INITIATING A NEW STAGE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS. THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY MEANS OF ELIMINATING THE DISTRUST WHICH STILL EXISTS IN CERTAIN CIRCLES. I WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH YOU AND WITH AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ ABOUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE LETTERS AND, ONCE AGAIN, I RENEW THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ADMIRATION."

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